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This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), that is before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. Thus, no petition or fee is required. However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, then it is requested that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that to the best of his knowledge, each item of information contained in this IDS was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a related counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by the filing of these papers to Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475.

Respectfully submitted,

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